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For. **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY MARKING ARTICLE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 22, 2009. Prior to further examination, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.